(d) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to make Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas a role model, if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI) (a) to (d) Education being a subject in the concurrent list, most Government schools and quality of education in those schools come under the purview of the State Governments. Central Government is however, implementing the schemes of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas, where it has always been the endeavour of the Government to provide good quality eudcation. In fact the average pass percentages of both Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas are higher than independent schools which is indicative of high standard of education in these schools. Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas are considered as model schools in the country in terms of physical infrastructure, training resources, curriculum and academic performance. These schools constitute important educational infrastructure spread over the length and breadth of the country. These are looked upon as pace setting institutions.

New schemes for passing exams

3850. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are actively considering to abolish the passing of examination in "3rd division and grace marks facility" in the country;

(b) if so, by when such a decision is expected to be taken and initiated; and

(c) how far such a decision shall improve the education standard in country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI) (a) to (c) Division is not reflected in the mark statements and pass certificates of class X and XII issued by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). However, grace marks are awarded both in class X and XII examinations and there is no proposal to abolish this facility.

In respect of higher education, there is no such proposal under consideration of Government of India.

Deemed universities in the country

3851. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deemed universities in the country, State-wise showing the year in which deemed university status was accorded;

(b) the courses and the number of seats per course as approved by the University Grants Commission for the deemed universities in Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether Government are aware that many deemed universities in Tamil Nadu are conducting engineering/technical courses without the approval of All India Council for Technical Education; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to save the future of students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI) (a) A list of the Institutions declared as deemed to be university, State-wise and year-wise is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Universities as well as Institutions declared as 'deemed to be university' can offer only such courses that lead to award of degrees specified by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. According to the guidelines of the UGC on 'deemed to be universities', admission to the various professional courses, such as, Medical, Dental, Nursing, Engineering, Pharmacy, Management and Legal Education etc. shall be made on the basis of regulations framed by the UGC in consultation with the respective statutory Councils.

(c) and (d) Institutions declared as 'deemed to be university' under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 do not require prior approval of All India Council for Technical Education for starting technical courses. In order to clarify the position and ensure coordination and maintenance of standards of higher education, the Government, on april 5, 2006, has issued a Notification.